



CITY OF EDCOUCH

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December 16, 2009

Monica Leal, Coordinator
Hidalgo County Urban County Program
Pharr, Texas

Re: Raba Kistner Consultants

Dear Monica

This is to advise you that the City of Edcouch met at a Regular Meeting on December 15, 2009, and accepted the best and final offer submitted by Raba Kistner Consultants:
(Attached please find a copy of the Excerpts)

Testing Service for Street Project	\$ 8,845.00
Stand Pipe Project	\$ 2,659.00

We ask that you place this item on the agenda for consideration at the County Commissioner Court as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Delmira Olivarez
City Manager

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Ms. Monica Leal, CDBG
County of Hidalgo Urban County Program
1916 Tesoro Boulevard
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**Re: Construction Materials Observation & Testing Services
Proposed Street Improvements for the City of Edcouch
Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Leal:

Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., (R-K), has provided a proposal to perform construction materials observation and testing services to the City of Edcouch on an on-call basis for the above referenced project. The proposal is dated December 02, 2009, and is R-K proposal number PMD09-316-00. The estimated cost of services as indicated in this proposal is \$8,845.00. This amount constitutes the best and final offer by Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.

We thank you for the opportunity to be a member of the project team on this important project. If you should have any questions pertaining this matter or if we may be of additional assistance please do not hesitate to call.

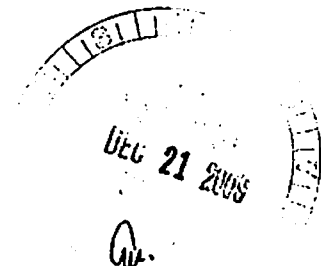
Very truly yours,

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.



Dennis Charkow
Supervisor, CME

Copies submitted: Above (1)



STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

Part I - Professional Services Agreement

This Agreement, entered into this 29th day of December 2009 by and between City of Edcouch, (hereinafter called the "Party") and Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc., duly authorized Engineer, herein acting by Dennis C. Charkow, Supervisor CME (hereinafter called the "Engineer").

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has received CDBG funds from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to be used by Urban County Participants. It is understood and agreed that the Party's obligation under this Agreement is contingent upon the actual receipt of adequate federal funds to meet the liabilities under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Party is interested in obtaining Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer, duly licensed and registered to practice engineer in the State of Texas, has the professional abilities to undertake the study, evaluation, analysis and recommendations in a manner which shall provide the necessary public service while preserving and enhancing to the greatest degree possible the natural and proposed environment in the PROJECT area; and

WHEREAS, the Party desires to engage the Engineer to render certain services in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, the participants do mutually agree as follows:

**SECTION I
EMPLOYMENT OF THE ENGINEER**

The Party agrees to employ the Engineer to furnish and provide the engineering services as stated in the following sections and upon receipt of such satisfactory services, the Party agrees to pay the Engineer as stated in the sections to follow.

**SECTION II
BASIC SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER**

The Engineer shall perform the following Basic Services in connection with the proposed Street Improvements Account(s) 5008-20-0311-5000-2000. (See *Exhibit A*)

2.1 Preliminary Phase

- a. Attend preliminary conferences with the Party and, if requested, with the funding agency and other government agencies or interested parties regarding the project.
- b. As may be required, comply and receive the Party and the funding agencies approval on all work.
- c. Prepare preliminary engineering plans on the Project in sufficient detail to indicate clearly the problems involved and solutions recommended with the cost estimates.
- d. Obtain the Party's approval of the work of this Preliminary Phase before proceeding with the next phase.

2.2 Design Phase

- a. Attend the respective Party's meetings as requested for the purpose of explaining completed design work activities.
- b. Advise the Party of any soil investigations or tests which, in the opinion of the Engineer, may be required for the proper execution of the Project.
- c. Provide all field information and surveys required for the design of the Project.
- d. Plot field data and other survey information for the design of the Project.
- e. Prepare detailed plans specification and contract documents and drawings (reproducible tracings) for construction authorized by the Party.
- f. Furnish, if requested, the engineering data necessary for the Party to obtain permits required by local, state, and federal authorities.
- g. Prepare cost estimates of authorized construction, based on prices for work. If such estimated costs exceed the monies available, the Party shall be consulted so that revisions can be made to reduce the cost as required.
- h. Prepare all documents required for the advertisement and bidding of the Project in cooperation with the Party's staff.
- i. Preparation of property or easement descriptions.

2.3 Construction Phase

The Construction Phase will commence with the execution of the prime construction contract(s). The Party will issue a ten (10) day commence work notice which will signal the commencement of work under any

construction contracts and will terminate upon the Party's approval of the Engineer's written approval of final payment to the Contractor(s). During the Construction Phase, the Engineer will:

- a. Assist the Party in opening and tabulating bids for the construction of the Project, and advise the Party in establishing the procedure for entering into construction phase.
- b. Prepare the formal Contract Documents for the Contractor.
- c. Make periodic visits to the site as required pursuant to the standards of Professional Engineers on projects of this nature, provide project construction supervision, to observe the progress and quality of the executed work and to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents.
- d. Consult and advise with the Party and issue all instructions and Change Orders to the Contractor requested by the Party.
- e. During the progress of actual construction, Engineer will keep the Owner informed with brief and concise information. A monthly progress report will be prepared which will give the Party a quick glance at the Project insofar as monies spent, construction time elapsed, percent of Project completed, a brief narrative of what problems have been encountered and the anticipated completion date.
- f. Review shop and working drawings furnished by Contractors for general compliance with design concept and with information given in contract documents.
- g. Review and provide a recommendation concerning samples, catalog data, schedules, shop drawings, laboratory, shape and mill tests of material and equipment and other data which the Contractor is required to submit, in compliance with the Contract Documents.
- h. Prepare monthly and final estimates for payments to Contractors.
- i. Upon receipt of notification by the Party that the work has been completed, the Engineer shall accompany the Party on the Final Inspection to assure that the total work has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- j. Prior to the Party's dispersal of any retainage of funds, render a written opinion to the Party that the construction has been completed according to the Contract Documents and provide the Party with a certificate of completion and release of liens documents from subcontractors.
- k. Provide the Party with sepia copies of as-built drawings of the constructed improvements, when requested.
- l. The Engineer will be responsible for interim and final inspection.

- m. Furnish to the Party of City of Edcouch Four (4) sets of plans and four (4) sets of specifications and contract documents.

SECTION III ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER

If authorized in writing by the Party, the Engineer will furnish or obtain from others Additional Services of the following types which are not considered normal or customary basic services; these will be paid for by the Party as indicated in Section VI.

- 3.1 Services of a Resident Project Representative, and other field personnel as required, for on-the-site observations of construction, other than periodic visits covered in Section 2.3a herein.
- 3.2 Detailed mill, shop and/or laboratory inspection of materials or equipment.
- 3.3 Major revision of Contract drawings as distinguished from modifications due to change orders, modifications to reduce the cost of the project or modifications requested to meet federal, state, or local regulations.

SECTION IV REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

- 4.1 Travel and subsistence required for the Engineer and authorized by the Party to points other than within the County and Project site.
- 4.2 Additional copies of reports and specifications over six (6) copies and additional prints of drawings over six (6) copies.
- 4.3 Reimbursable expenses as provided in Section IV herein shall be paid to the Engineer on the basis of 1.1 times the Engineers actual cost.

SECTION V THE PARTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Party will:

- 5.1 Provide full information as to requirements for the Project.
- 5.2 Assist the Engineer by providing all available information pertinent to the Project including reports and any other data relative to design and construction of the Project.
- 5.3 Furnish the Engineering services or data as required such as appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing; property, boundary, easement, right-of-way, zoning, and deed restrictions; all of which the Engineer may rely upon in performing his services under this agreement.

- 5.4 Guarantee access to and make all provisions for the Engineer to enter upon public and private property as required for the Engineer to perform his services under this Agreement.
- 5.5 Examine all studies, reports, sketches, estimates, specifications, drawings, proposals, and other documents presented by the Engineer.
- 5.6 Pay for all costs incident to advertising and obtaining bids or proposals from Contractors.
- 5.7 Provide such legal and accounting services required to discharge the Party's responsibility under the terms of this Agreement and any Agreement with any governmental agency as may be required for the project, and such auditing services as the Party may require to ascertain how or for what the purpose any Contractor has used the monies paid to him under the construction contract.
- 5.8 Give prompt written notice to the Engineer whenever the Party observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the Project.

SECTION VI PAYMENTS TO THE ENGINEER

The Party agrees to pay the Engineer for completed services as identified by the Party:

- 6.1 The Engineer shall be paid a total fixed amount of **\$8,845.00** for services rendered under this contract. Payment shall be based on request for reimbursements with documentation requested by the Party. The Engineer's fee shall be due and payable as outlined in Sections 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 as follows.
- 6.2 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Preliminary Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 15% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above.
- 6.3 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Design Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 60% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above.
- 6.4 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Construction Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 25% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above. Such sum to be paid periodically proportionately to the percentage of construction completed by the Contractor as determined by Engineer's reports.
- 6.5 For Additional Services as provided in Section III herein the Engineer shall be paid a sum of 1.1 times the Engineer's actual cost for such services.

SECTION VII OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Original documents, plans, designs and survey notes developed in connection with services performed hereunder belong to, and remain the property of the Party, in consideration of which it is mutually agreed that the Party will use them solely in connection with the Project and as base material for possible future projects.

**SECTION VIII
TERMINATION**

The Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by a 30-day notice in writing to the Engineer. Upon receipt of such notice, the Engineer shall, unless the notice directs otherwise immediately discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practical after receipt of notice of termination, the Engineer shall submit a statement showing in detail the actual services that were performed under this Agreement to date of termination, the date such services were performed and the length of time spent by each person or party engaged in performing such services on each day,

The Party shall pay the Engineer a sum of money equal to the reasonable value of the service rendered by the Engineer to the Party in connection with the services performed under this Contract, less payments previously made by the Party to Engineer on work performed and expenses incurred by Engineer under the provisions of this Contract. Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, plans and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Party when and if this Agreement is terminated, but subject to the restrictions as to their use, as set forth above.

Notwithstanding the above, the Engineer shall not be relieved of liability to the Party for damages sustained by the Party arising from Engineer's negligent acts, errors or omissions related to Engineer's obligations created under this Agreement.

**SECTION IX
COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS**

Engineer agrees that no County or City official or Party employee shall be personally liable for any of the obligation created under this Agreement, or for any matter which may arise out of the Project, or any activities related thereto and hereby holds the Party, its political bodies and its employees harmless from and indemnifies them from any liability from any matter arising from Engineer's negligent acts, errors or omissions related to Engineer's obligations created under this Agreement.

**SECTION X
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

Party and Engineer each binds themselves, their partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of Agreement in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither the Party nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

**SECTION XI
TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The Engineer contracts and agrees to commence work within ten (10) days from the date of written authorization to proceed and will complete the preparation of the preliminary phase and estimates by 90 days and will proceed upon authorization with final drawings, specifications, and contracts documents and complete same within the earliest practical time from such notice to proceed.

**SECTION XII
VENUE**

Venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right or cause of action arising under or in connection with this Contract shall lie exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.

**SECTION XIII
CHANGES**

The Party may, from time to time, request changes in the Scope of Services of the Engineer as may be mutually agreed to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Engineer's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Party and the Engineer shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Contract.

**SECTION XIV
COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS**

The Engineer shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State and local governments, and the Engineer shall save the Party harmless with respect to any damages arising from any Engineer's negligence done in performing any of the work embraced by this Contract.

**SECTION XV
ASSIGNABILITY**

The Engineer shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without the prior written consent of the Party thereof; provided however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Engineer from the Party under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Party.

**SECTION XVI
GENERAL**

- 16.1 Audit. The Party and/or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Engineer which are directly pertinent to this project for the purpose of making the audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- 16.2 The Engineer agrees to compliance with the following Executive orders, Titles and Program Regulations, including any additional requirements that may be set forth by the Party.
- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act - requires that no one may be denied access to benefits from projects which receive federal assistance.
 - b. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 - Nondiscrimination related to benefits from projects funded specifically under Title I of the Act.
 - c. Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 - requires that maximum effort be made to provide employment, training, and business opportunities to low income families and/or residents of the project area.

- d. The Engineer shall give the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Auditor of the State of Texas, access to and the right to examine all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by Engineer pertaining to this Agreement. Such rights to access shall continue as long as the records are retained by Engineer. Engineer agrees to maintain such records in an accessible location for a period of three (3) years.
- e. Executive Order 11246 (paragraph a-c for contracts under \$10,000; paragraphs a-g for contracts over \$10,000) - Equal Employment Opportunity.

Executive Order 11246. Executive Order 11246 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 130) which provides that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of federal or federally assisted contracts. Such consultants or subcontractors shall take affirmative action to ensure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training and apprenticeship.

Equal Employment Opportunity for Activities and Contracts not Subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended. In carrying out the program, the Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Engineer shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Engineer shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Government setting forth the provisions of this paragraph in all of its contracts for program work and will require all of its consultants for such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for program.

- 16.3 Interest of Certain Federal Officials: No member of or Delegate to the Congress of the United States and no Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise from the same.
- 16.4 Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of Public Body, Member of Local Governing Body, or other Public Officials: No member, officer, or employee of the County or City, or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, to be performed in connection with the program assisted under the Agreement. The Engineer shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated in all such interest pursuant to the purpose of this Section.

SECTION XVII INSURANCE

The Engineer shall obtain and keep in force during the term of its engagement on the Project, the insurance as follows:

- 17.1 A comprehensive automobile liability policy covering liability exposure to bodily injury and property damages. The Engineer shall furnish Party Certificates of Insurance showing the comprehensive automobile liability insurance policies to be in effect, commencing when Engineers commence operations under this Agreement, in the sum of \$300,000 for bodily injury and \$100,000 for property damages.
- 17.2 Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
- 17.3 A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County consistent with potential exposure of County under the Texas Tort Claims Act;
- 17.4 Workers Compensation Insurance in amount established by Texas law, under the bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Worker's Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.
- 17.5 All insurance policies must be written by an insurance company or companies acceptable to the Party.

SECTION XVIII WARRANTY

- 18.1 Engineer represents and warrants to Owner all services rendered to Owner under this Agreement shall, at a minimum, comply with the Texas Engineering Practices Act (Tex. Civ. St. Ann., Article 3271) and rules of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Exhibit "A"
(Scope of Services)

see attached

Proposal No. PMD09-316-00
December 2, 2009



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**RE: Construction Materials Observation and Testing Services
Proposed Street Improvements for the City of Edcouch
Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Olivarez:

As per the telephone conversation held on December 01, 2009, with Mr. Isidoro Arjona, P.E., with Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., (R-K), in regards to Construction Materials Engineering and Testing (CoMET) services for the above-referenced project, we are thankful for being selected and pleased to submit this cost proposal to provide these services.

Our opinion of probable cost of services for this project is **\$8,845.00**.

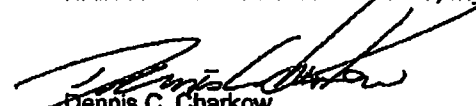
Our proposed scope of services and estimated item quantities are based upon our interpretation of the project plans received December 2, 2009, from Joe Munoz with Guzman & Munoz Engineering and Surveying, Inc., the projects civil design firm. The scope and quantity of services provided will be dependent upon services actually required by you or your representatives. Charges will be assessed only for actual services rendered. All services authorized or requested by you or your representatives in excess of the quantities of observation and testing services shown herein will be charged at the appropriate unit rate for such services. Charges will be invoiced on a monthly basis and will show a computerized composite total of services rendered for each service category.

Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 75397-1037. All parties hereby agree that this contract upon acceptance will be performable in Bexar County, Texas. In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on professional services, the amount of tax applicable will be added to the appropriate service rate charged by Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.

We appreciate the opportunity of submitting this proposal and look forward to working with you during the construction of this project. Please return one signed copy of this letter proposal to provide written authorization for our firm to commence work on the services outlined herein. Please complete the attached Project Data Sheet for invoicing and reporting information.

Very truly yours,

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.


Dennis C. Charkow
Supervisor, CME

Accepted By 
(Signature)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

Date: _____

- DCC/rs
- Attachments: Basic Charges
- I- Standard Terms and Conditions
- II- Schedules of Fees

Copies submitted: Above (1)

contemplation of a wide array of project-specific variables, including how the documents will be used and by whom. R-K shall be the owner and custodian of the instruments, and shall take appropriate measures to help prevent unauthorized use of them. Accordingly, during development of the scope of service, CLIENT and R-K shall together identify those who, in addition to CLIENT, may use the various instruments and for what purposes, and R-K shall copyright the instruments to make illegal any unauthorized duplication, other reproduction or copying, quotation, or excerption of them.

Parties other than those identified by CLIENT and R-K may apply to use an instrument, using a form prepared by R-K for that purpose. Others' use of an instrument shall be permitted only when CLIENT and R-K both so agree; either shall have the right to forbid use by others. In addition, R-K shall make its permission contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions when, in R-K's professional judgment, such a contingency is necessary.

10. CLIENT will indemnify R-K against any claims or costs which exceed the limitation on R-K's liability provided for in this document, or result from acts or omissions of CLIENT. If litigation or threat of litigation ensues not involving R-K, CLIENT agrees to bear the full cost for R-K to comply with applicable State law and any court orders to provide access to R-K's files, personnel, facilities and equipment.
11. The person or entity responsible for performing the Work under the contract for Construction shall be defined as the Contractor. R-K's site safety responsibilities are solely limited to the activities of R-K and R-K's employees on the site. These responsibilities shall not be inferred by any party to mean that R-K has responsibility for site safety for any reason. Safety in, on or about the site is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Contractor alone. The Contractor's methods of work performance, supervision of the Contractor's employees, and sequencing of construction are also the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Contractor alone. CLIENT warrants that these responsibilities will be made clear in CLIENT'S agreement with the Contractor; CLIENT'S agreement with the Contractor shall require the Contractor, to the extent of Contractor's negligence, to indemnify, defend and hold CLIENT and R-K harmless from any fine, penalty, claim, or liability for injury or loss arising from CLIENT'S and R-K's alleged failure to exercise site safety responsibility; and CLIENT'S agreement with Contractor and all Subcontractors shall require the Contractor and Subcontractors to make CLIENT and R-K additional insureds under the Contractor's and all Subcontractor's general liability insurance policy, which insurance protection shall be primary protection for CLIENT and R-K, and shall hold CLIENT and R-K harmless from claims, losses, and defense arising from the negligence of Contractor or Subcontractor on any tier.
12. For any damage on account of any error, omission, or other professional negligence, R-K's liability to CLIENT, or to any third party, will be limited to a sum not to exceed \$50,000 or R-K's project fee for that portion of R-K's work found to be defective, whichever is greater. R-K's liability to CLIENT, or to any third party, for injury or damage to persons or property arising out of work performed for CLIENT and for which legal liability may be found to rest upon R-K, other than for professional errors and omissions, will be limited to R-K's available general liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000.
13. Cancellation of the Agreement to which these terms and conditions apply may be made by either party for just cause after 30 days' written notification of intent of cancellation is provided to the other party. In the event the CLIENT elects to terminate the Agreement, R-K will be compensated in full for all services, materials, supplies, and expenses incurred prior to the actual cancellation date of the Agreement. The CLIENT shall in any event pay all amounts invoiced that the CLIENT does not dispute as provided herein.
14. If the Client fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, R-K may suspend performance of services upon 7 calendar days' notice to the Client. R-K shall have no liability whatsoever to the Client for any costs or damages as a result of such suspension caused by any breach of this Agreement by the Client. Upon payment in full by the Client, R-K shall resume services under this Agreement, and the time schedule and compensation shall be equitably adjusted to compensate for the period of suspension plus any other reasonable time and expense necessary for R-K to resume performance. If the Client fails to make payment to R-K in accordance with the payment terms herein, this shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be cause for termination of this Agreement by R-K. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts or set-offs by the Client unless agreed to in writing by R-K. Payment to R-K for services rendered and expenses incurred shall be due and payable regardless of any subsequent suspension or termination of this Agreement by either party.
15. All claims, disputes, and other controversy between R-K and CLIENT arising out of or in any way related to the services provided by R-K will be submitted to "alternative dispute resolution" (ADR) such as mediation, before and as a condition precedent to other remedies provided by law. If a dispute at law arises related to these services and that dispute requires litigation as provided above, then CLIENT assents to personal jurisdiction in the State of R-K's principal place of business; The claim will be brought and tried in judicial jurisdiction of the court of the county where R-K's principal place of business is located, and CLIENT waives the right to remove action to any other county or jurisdiction; and the prevailing party will be entitled to recovery of all reasonable costs incurred, including staff time, court costs, attorneys' and expert witness fees, and other claim-related expenses.
16. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control ("Force Majeure") including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected. Force Majeure may not be claimed as a cause for delay in payment of money due and payable hereunder.
17. Each provision of this Agreement is intended to be several. If any terms or provisions of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable of any reason whatsoever, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Moreover, to the maximum extent allowed by law, the Parties hereto stipulate that any offending provisions will be modified or altered, as necessary, so as to give such provision the maximum permissible effect and application intended.
18. This Agreement, and all of its attachments, constitutes the entire, integrated Agreement between the Parties to it, and this Agreement supersedes all other Agreements, oral or written between the Parties, concerning the subject set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, with that amendment being signed by both Parties.

**Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services
Proposed Street Improvements for the City of Edcouch
Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas**

Basic Charges

1. A vehicle travel charge will be assessed for round trip travel from our office to the project site, material supplier, etc. and back to our office. The charges for travel from our office to the project site and return to our office will be as follows:

Travel Time (round trip)	1.25 hour(s)
Vehicle Trip Charge	\$ 29.75/trip

2. Service Charges are based on the hourly rates stated herein and will be assessed from the time the Engineer or Technician leaves our office until he returns from the project.
3. Any engineering and/or technical services provided on Saturday, Sunday and all work in excess of "normal" work hours, as stated herein, Monday through Friday, will be charged at an overtime rate of 1.5 times the appropriate hourly rate. Our total cost of services is based upon the assumption most services will be provided during "normal" work hours. Providing an excessive amount of services during days and/or hours requiring overtime rates may significantly increase the total cost of services shown herein.
4. "Normal" work hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., including travel time to and from the site unless stated otherwise. Overtime charges will be assessed after eight (8) continuous hours of service rendered during "normal" work hours.
5. Minimum of 2 hours billing per visit to project site.
6. A ten (10) percent project management and administration cost will be added to all invoices.
7. Our opinion of probable cost for each proposal to be submitted is based upon an estimate of the construction materials engineering and testing services required to meet the project requirements. Because the general contractor has control over the project and determines the means and methods used to build/construct the project, our proposed scope of services is an estimate. On the basis of the general contractor's schedule, potential retesting of non-compliance items, weather related issues, the actual total services and fees may be higher or lower than the estimates in our proposal. R-K will keep you CLIENT apprised of our billings in comparison to our opinion of probable cost (project budget) over the life of the project. All tests noted as retests of previously non-complaint areas will be billed to the CLIENT. R-K will invoice these tests separately to allow CLIENT to segregate the charges from our normal charges. This will allow CLIENT to back charge the general contractor as necessary. CLIENT will be responsible for payment of all services rendered by R-K for the project.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING UNIT RATES
Proposed Street Improvements for the City of Edcouch
Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas

SERVICE	UNIT RATE		QUANTITY	TOTAL
Coring Existing Streets for Pavement Reconstruction:				
1. Coring of Existing Pavement - Technician Time	\$51.50	hour	8	\$412.00
2. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$29.75	trip	1	\$29.75
Subtotal				\$441.75
Earthwork:				
1. Moisture-Density Relationship (Proctor)	\$202.50	each	3	\$607.50
2. Atterberg Limits Determinations (P.I.) (ASTM/AASHTO)	\$73.50	each	8	\$588.00
3. Sieve Analysis -200	\$49.75	each	3	\$149.25
4. Sieve Analysis - Flexible Base Material	\$49.75	each	1	\$49.75
5. Technician Time Sampling	\$43.25	hour	6	\$259.50
6. Proof Rolling Observation	\$43.25	hour	4	\$173.00
7. Field Density Test - Pavement Reconstruction	\$18.50	each	12	\$222.00
8. Technician Time - Density Testing	\$43.25	hour	12	\$519.00
9. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$29.75	trip	8	\$238.00
Subtotal				\$2,806.00
Concrete: Valley Gutters and Curb and Gutters				
1. Concrete Compressive Strength Tests- (Assume 12 sets of 4 Cylinders)	\$13.50	each	48	\$648.00
2. Technician Time - Concrete Testing	\$43.25	hour	14	\$605.50
3. Air Content of Concrete	\$25.25	each	12	\$303.00
4. Technician Time - Pick-Up of Specimen(s)	\$43.25	hour	8	\$346.00
5. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$29.75	trip	14	\$416.50
Subtotal				\$2,319.00
Asphalt				
1. Asphaltic Concrete Laydown Observation	\$51.50	hour	8	\$412.00
2. Coring of Asphaltic Concrete to Determine Thickness and Density	\$75.00	each	8	\$600.00
3. Coring of Asphalt - Technician Time	\$43.25	hour	8	\$346.00
4. Extraction, Gardation, Bitumen Content and Laboratory Density of Asphaltic Concrete	\$248.50	each	1	\$248.50
5. Maximum Theoretical Specific Gravity of Asphalt	\$89.00	each	1	\$89.00
6. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$29.75	trip	4	\$119.00
Subtotal				\$1,814.50

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING UNIT RATES
Proposed Street Improvements for the City of Edcouch
Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas

Professional Services;				
1. Geotechnical / Materials Engineer	\$160.00	each	4	\$600.00
2. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$29.75	trip	2	\$59.50
Subtotal				\$659.50
 Other				
1. Project Administration(Markup of Invoiced Billing Cycle)	10%			\$804.08
Subtotal				\$804.08
			GRAND TOTAL	\$8,844.83

Fees for Consulting & Coordination Services

Unit Fees

Principal Engineer.....	\$ 135.00 to	250.00/hr
Managing Engineer.....	95.00 to	200.00/hr
Staff Engineer.....	70.00 to	200.00/hr
Laboratory Manager.....	65.00 to	150.00/hr
Construction Services Manager.....	65.00 to	90.00/hr
Outside Professional Services & Reimbursables.....		Cost +15%
Additional Insured.....		160.00/ea
Report Preparation and Administration.....	38.00 to	75.00/hr

Project Data Sheet

Project Name: _____

Client Project No: _____ Purchase Order No.: _____

Invoicing Information: Company Name: _____

Address: _____

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ATTACHMENT I

RABA-KISTNER COMPANIES

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. RABA-KISTNER (Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.; Raba-Kistner Consultants (SW), Inc.; Raba-Kistner-Brytast, Inc.; Raba-Kistner Infrastructure, Inc.) is being engaged by the CLIENT to render professional services involving various aspects of design, construction observation, or the condition of various building, site, and/or environmental materials, which may contain or be contaminated by hazardous materials and asbestos containing materials (ACM).

Raba-Kistner (hereafter referred to as R-K) provides a wide variety of services. Services provided by different R-K companies or different departments therein, to the same Client, occasionally overlap. CLIENT acknowledges that R-K has no obligation to research prior work by R-K for CLIENT or others, or work performed by R-K or others at the proposed project site, regardless of the specific R-K companies, departments or office locations that will be involved in the proposed work.

2. R-K will perform its services in accordance with the standard of care and diligence normally practiced by recognized professional firms in performing services of a similar nature, in the same locality, under similar circumstances. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that R-K makes no other warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, regarding the services set forth herein. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that all of the services provided to it by R-K pursuant to this Agreement are professional services involving only R-K's advice, judgment and opinion. R-K will apply professional judgment in determining the extent to which R-K will comply with any given standard identified in R-K's Instruments of professional services. Unless otherwise stated in writing, such compliance, referred to as "general compliance", specifically excludes consideration of any standard listed as a reference in the text of those standards cited by R-K.
3. CLIENT will provide right-of-entry to the buildings and sites which are the subjects of R-K's services. CLIENT represents that it possesses authority for such right-of-entry and that the building/site operator(s) possess the necessary permits and licenses for current activities at the site.
4. The CLIENT will be responsible for providing the location of all underground utilities and other structures in the vicinity of our borings. R-K cannot accept responsibility and will not be liable for penetrating any underground utility, underground storage tank, or other subsurface condition not previously identified and located, or improperly located, by the CLIENT or a utility agency.
5. If materials are encountered in the field which are judged to be potentially hazardous or a danger to our personnel, all field work will cease and the CLIENT will be notified. Subsequent work on the project will then be conducted only with specific additional authorization from the CLIENT and will be charged at appropriate revised unit rates. The scope of work and cost estimate does not include the cost of containerizing any waste or cuttings or their removal from the site. Such materials will be containerized and left at the site.

The results of sample analyses or other information will be used to render a professional opinion regarding the nature of materials left on site. If this information indicates the materials are hazardous or potentially hazardous, and if CLIENT does not wish the waste or drill cuttings to be left on site, R-K will have such materials transported to a licensed facility for final disposal using a manifest signed by the CLIENT as generator. CLIENT agrees to pay all costs associated with management, analyses, storage,

transportation, and disposal of materials. CLIENT recognizes and agrees that R-K at no time assumes ownership to said materials.

6. The scope of work and cost estimate does not include costs incurred to provide access to sites which are inaccessible to our truck-mounted drill rigs and support vehicles. They also do not include costs incurred due to delays caused by inclement weather.
7. All samples obtained at the site will be managed by R-K. R-K will retain preservable samples and the residues from testing of all samples that, in R-K's professional opinion, do not contain materials that are hazardous or potentially hazardous, for 30 days after submission of its report. The samples and residues will be disposed of at the end of the 30 day period.

In the event that in R-K's professional opinion, the samples contain potential constituents of concern, R-K will return such samples and residues to CLIENT, or, using a manifest signed by CLIENT as generator, R-K will have such samples transported to a licensed facility for final disposal. CLIENT agrees to pay all costs associated with management, analyses, storage, transportation, and disposal of materials. CLIENT recognizes and agrees that R-K at no time assumes ownership of said samples.

8. R-K will be compensated largely on the basis of the time required in rendering these professional services -- not on the basis of potential legal liabilities created by any risks associated from the hazardous materials and ACM.

During its prime, asbestos was used in over 3,000 different products and can still be found in some products today. Consequently, attempts to locate and identify "all" asbestos in a survey would be both impractical and cost prohibitive. If retained to conduct an asbestos survey, R-K will direct its efforts at locating accessible, friable asbestos and non-friable asbestos which, in R-K's professional opinion, might become friable as a result of remodeling activities.

Likewise, several thousand chemicals, wastes, and other materials have been designated as hazardous or toxic by various laws and regulations. If retained to conduct a site assessment with respect to such materials, R-K will direct its efforts at locating the most significant sources, or potential sources, of such materials which, in R-K's professional opinion, have the potential for causing the most significant impact.

9. R-K may provide CLIENT with a written report in connection with the services performed. The report will present such findings and conclusions as R-K may reasonably make with the information gathered while performing its services. In preparing the report, R-K may review and interpret certain information provided to it by the CLIENT or by third parties. R-K will not conduct an independent evaluation of the accuracy or completeness of such information and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions contained in such information. The report and other instruments of service are prepared for, and made available for the sole use of the CLIENT, and the contents thereof may not be used or relied upon by any other person without the express written authorization of R-K. Any unauthorized use or distribution shall be at the CLIENT's sole risk and without liability to R-K.

R-K's reports, drawings, plans, specifications, and other project related documents and deliverables are instruments of professional service ("instruments") developed by R-K in

ATTACHMENT II

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PERSONNEL: Principal.....\$135 to \$250/hour
Professional\$70 to \$200/hour
Auto Cad Operator.....\$65 to \$110/hour
Technical/Clerical/Administrative\$40 to \$80/hour

The specific hourly rate within each classification listed above depends on the experience, special training, and qualifications of the personnel needed for the project. For projects requiring work at any hazardous waste site, there will be a \$10 per hour surcharge added to the normal billing rate for all personnel. Consultants to Raba-Kistner (R-K) will be charged according to their professional classification.

EXPENSES: Use of company automobiles will be charged at \$1.00 per mile. Automobiles and light trucks assigned to field sites will be charged at \$70.00 per day, plus \$1.00 per mile over 50 miles per day. Copies will be charged at \$0.25 per page.

Other project specific charges for use of R-K equipment or for R-K testing will be in accordance with established fee schedules. All other project specific, third-party costs will be charged at cost plus 15 percent.

Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. They are due and payable upon receipt and become past due 30 days after the billing date. Past due invoices may be subject to late charges at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month (18 percent per annum). In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on Professional Services, the amount of the tax will be PAYMENT added to the appropriate service rate charged. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037.

Preparation of non-standard invoice will be charged on a time and materials basis in accordance with the rates in this fee schedule.

CONDITIONS: Services will be performed in accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions.

The proposal to which this schedule is an attachment is valid for 90 days from the date of the proposal.